

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004, the Examiner stated that claims 11, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In an Examiner's amendment dated November 28, 2006, claims 3 through 28 were cancelled.

This amendment adds new independent claims 47 through 52. These new independent claims correspond to the cancelled allowable dependent claims as follows:

47	11
48	16
49	17
50	19
51	21
52	27

With the exception of claim 47, Applicant took care to make no changes to the previously allowable dependent claims except to combine the base claim and the dependent claim into the new independent claim. In claim 47, the phrase "said beam having first and second ends" was added in the fifth line and "of said beam" was added in the last line to provide a complete antecedent for "second end".

The above-mentioned amendment does not add new matter or affect the patentability of the claimed inventions. In light of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment.

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